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Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;[1]

2. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, in particular those contained in the Millennium Declaration,[2] requires the full and effective participation of young people and youth organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to develop strong partnerships to scale up investments in youth and to encourage youth-led contributions to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, in particular those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

4. *Urges* Governments, in consultation with youth organizations, to develop holistic and integrated youth policies based on the World Programme of Action for Youth and to evaluate them regularly as part of the follow-up action on and implementation of the World Programme of Action;

[1] Resolution 50/81, annex.
[2] See resolution 55/2.

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5. *Requests* the United Nations regional commissions to organize, within their existing resources, regional consultations with Member States and youth organizations in order to evaluate the implementation of the World Programme of Action;

6. *Calls* on the organizations, programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to enhance inter-agency arrangements on youth policies and programmes with a view to improving coordination and enhancing synergies among relevant system activities in this regard;

7. *Welcomes* the commitment contained in the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly[3] to make the goals of full and productive employment and decent work for young people a central objective of relevant national and international policies as well as national development strategies, including poverty reduction strategies, through, inter alia, the development of national action plans on youth employment, as well as by prioritizing therein the necessary resources for the implementation of these plans and, in this regard, encourages relevant stakeholders to continue to assist and support, upon request, the efforts of Governments in the elaboration and implementation of national reviews and action plans;

8. *Stresses* the importance of the work of the Youth Employment Network as a peer exchange, support and review mechanism, and encourages Member States, the United Nations and partner organizations to strengthen and expand the Network at the national, regional and international levels;

9. *Welcomes* the participation of youth representatives in national delegations, and urges Member States to consider being represented by youth representatives on a continuing basis during relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, bearing in mind the principle of gender balance;

10. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute towards the participation of youth representatives in national delegations, in particular from developing countries, through, inter alia, the United Nations Youth Fund;

11. *Welcomes* the decision to convene the informal, interactive round-table discussion, which created an opportunity for youth organizations to engage with Member States, and encourages the consideration of similar events in the future;

12. *Decides* to add the following as additional priority areas for the implementation of the World Programme of Action, namely: the mixed impact of globalization on young women and men; the use of and access to information and communication technologies; the dramatic increase in the incidence of HIV infection among young people and the impact of the epidemic on their lives; the active involvement of young people in armed conflict, both as victims and as perpetrators; and the increased importance of addressing intergenerational issues in an ageing society;

13. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fifth session to elaborate the above-mentioned five priority areas and to make

[3] See A/60/L.1.

recommendations on a supplement to the World Programme of Action to the General Assembly, to be adopted at its sixty-second session, taking into consideration other emerging issues of particular relevance to youth;

14. *Requests* the Secretariat, in collaboration with other relevant United Nations programmes and agencies, to establish a broad set of indicators related to youth, which Governments and other actors may choose to use to measure progress towards the implementation of the World Programme of Action;

15. *Takes note* of the three clusters presented in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "World Youth Report 2005", youth and the global economy, youth in civil society, youth and their well-being,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly, at its sixty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fifth session, with a comprehensive report on the implementation of the World Programme of Action, including the definition of goals and targets, in one of the three clusters mentioned above.

[4] A/60/61-E/2005/7.